

A

REVIEW

OF THE

Affairs of *FRANCE*:

Purg'd from the Errors and Partiality of *News-Writers* and
Petty-Statefmen, of all Sides.

Saturday, August 26. 1704.

I Am told a very strange piece of News of this *Review*, lately, viz. *That it does not please every body*; I never set up for a Degree of Understanding above other People, but without Vanity, I hope I may say, I never Merited to be thought so much a Coxcomb, as to expect it should.

If I write Instructive Truth, I am sure to please Wise Men; and I have been always unconcern'd for the Opinion of the rest — But since Mankind are pleas'd to distinguish themselves so very plainly, I ought to let the World know who I do not write to please, as well as who I do.

And first, Those that will believe nothing but what they would have be True.

Secondly, Those who would have the *Swede* be fighting the Lord's Battle in *Poland*,

and aiming at Planting the Protestant Religion.

Thirdly, They that will not believe what they cannot Answer; that will not believe the *Swedes* are Acting Counter to the Interest of the Confederacy, and yet cannot Answer the Arguments brought to prove he is.

Fourthly, They that Cavil at the Argument for the sake of the Author.

These, and abundance such, these Papers are not design'd to please; and tho' I readily Challenge them to Confute the Arguments brought, yet as their Opinion masters their Judgment, they become Agents to their own Absurdities, and are too obstinate to be Convinc'd by a much better Authority than mine.

A D V I C E from the Scandal. C L U B.

THE Society have had so much Business upon their hands this Week, that they are forc'd to intrude upon the more Serious part of the Work, for room to give a Journal of their Affairs.

And first they had before them a Letter from some Drunken Society, whose Diligence in Vice they cannot but recommend, for a Pat-

tern to other People in their Vertues — The Letter has so many good Morals in it, that the Society cannot but Print it, for the Instruction of Mankind.

'Tis Directed to the Youths of Scandal, at the Club held at Mr. Matthews's, a Printer in *Little-Britain*.

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Youths,

Youtbs,

Here are three Fellows of us that have sat up three Nights successively, and as by the sequel appears, neither of us yet Drunk, tho' we have chang'd our Liquor, and used all means to bring our selves under that Glorious Appellation: Pray your Opinion, what secret Vertue is in the the Number 3, for by G — I have been Drunk with my Wore in one quarter of the time?

Aug. 12.

1704.

Yours, Gentlemen, &c.

The Society considered the Circumstances, pitied the Gentlemen, and Ordered the following Sentence to be struck out of *Juvenal*,

Nudus enim Magni fueris labor —

and Voted, that to be Refinedly Wicked, requires abundance of Diligence. As to the other Particulars, the Readers are referr'd to the Author of the late Excellent Paper, call'd *Heraldius Ridens*.

The following Letter was sent us from another hand, from whom we have had a great many Ingenious things.

Gentlemen,

THE Moon being at the full, on Friday the 4th day of August, 1704. at 55 Minutes past eight in the Morning; Pray Gentlemen, is it possible, according to the Course of Nature, that an Eclipse of the Moon should be seen in Dublin in Ireland, on Monday the 31st. of July, 1704. Post-Boy, August 8.

The Society allow'd the Observation to be just, and caus'd it to be Noted in their Books, that the Author of the Post-Boy was no Almanack Maker.

The same Ingenious Gentleman sent the following Letter to the Society, Dated the 17th of August.

Gentlemen,

Yesterday's London-Post tells us, That the French and Bavarians had 160 Squadrons, and the Confederates 52, so that they were Superior to the Confederates by 8. The Post-Boy of this day tells us, The French, &c. had 160 Squadrons, and the Confederates 152, so that they were Superiour by 80; Pray Gentlemen, which of these two Authors is right? I am

August 17.

1704.

Gentlemen,
Your humble Servant.

The Society was not a little diverted with the Observation; and Ordered that the Post-Boy's Arithmetick should be Noted to be just as good as his Astronomy in the Article before.

Another Letter was brought them from Jacob's Coffee-House, and sign'd N. H. as follows;

Gentlemen,

WITH submission, is not the Author of the Review mistaken, when he says, that Augsburg is in the Heart of Bavaria? † N^o 48. since it stands upon the River Lech, which parts Bavaria and the Circle of Swabia; or does he take all the Elestor's Conquests, to be part of Bavaria?

Jacob's Coffee-House,

Aug. 23. 1704.

Gentlemen,

Your Servant,

N. H.

The Author of the Review being call'd in, answered, by asking another Question, viz.

With submission, whether the Gentleman is not mistaken, when 'tis most certain there is not such a word in the Review he mentions, nor in any other.

The Society caus'd the Review N^o 48. to be Examined, and finding the Gentleman was mistaken, they referr'd him to the following Story.

Upon a very obliging Notice sent to that purpose, Baron Hompesch, the Dutch General, made his Appearance by Proxy; the Society desired to know of the Person, whether that Gentleman was Author of a Letter, Publish'd in his Name, by almost all our News-Men, viz. English-Post, Flying-Post, Post-Boy, Daily Courant, &c.

The Gentlemen assured them, no, 'twas a meer Forgery; and, as he supposed, was form'd not by the News-Writers of London, but by their Brethren of the same Profession abroad — The Gentleman added, That he hop'd they had a better Opinion of his Master, the B — H —, than to think, that after the Duke of Marlborough had wrote both to the Queen and the States General, that he push'd 30 Squadrons into the Danube, and saw most of them Perish there, the Baron would tell the World they were but 12 or 13 — Also he desired them to believe, That the B — H —, who all the World own'd to be a good Soldier, was a better Geographer, than to tell the States General, that the City of Augsburg was in the Heart of Bavaria, when all the World, that knows any thing of it, knows it is not in Bavaria at all, but stands on the outer edge of Swabia.

Smabia next to it, as *Southwark* stands on the edge of *Surry*, next to *Middlesex*.

These things considered, the Letter was Voted Scandalous, Spurious, and Ridiculous; an insult to the Publick, and an affront both to the Duke of M—— and the States General.

The Author of the *Flying-Post* was brought before the Society, and Charg'd with telling the World, that the *Medway* Man of War brought two *French Privateers* into *Plymouth* on *Horseback*.

The Gentleman was very wroth at the Society, and told them, there was no such thing in his Paper, but they abus'd him.

The Clerk insisted that it must be so, at which he read the Paper; *Flying-Post*, N^o 1451. 'Port Letters say, the *Revenge* and *Medway* have 'brought into *Plymouth*, two *French Privateers* 'that were never at Sea; the Clerk therefore insisted on it, that they must be brought in on *Horseback*, or by some other way of Land Carriage.

The Matter was plain, so the Author was set by, till the *Post-Boy* was call'd in to tell the same Story, with this Addition, *They had never been at Sea till Sunday last, when they came from St. Malo's with Wine*.

The Society demanded of him, since they came out with Wine, whether they were Bound, for that Privateers don't use to be Charg'd with Merchandises.

The Gentlemen were both satisfied, and the Society made this Remark; That now they are Convinc'd of the Necessity of a great Number of News-Writers, for that if three of them tell a Story, two of them tell it false — The Case here being plain, *they had never been at Sea till last Sunday, when they came out with Nine more, instead of Wine. Post-Man*, N^o . . .

The following Letter was laid before the Society, the Author desiring immediate redress, as under some very great Oppression..

Gentlemen,

YOUR generous Essays to detect Injuriys and expose things Scandalous, have encourag'd me to apply my self to your Honourable Club for redress.

I am a single Man, by Religion a Jew, by Profession a Shocolate Seller; I was lately in Ireland, where I lov'd and enjoy'd a Handsom Woman, another Man's Wife indeed: But what's that so you, or any body else — Her Husband has since divorc'd her, and she's come to Engeland for my Protection, in want of Rigging and Necessa-

ries; Cash being low with me, I apply'd to an old Rich Friend of mine, an Usuring, Stock-Jobbing Gentleman, who lives with his Wife and Children not a Mile from the Royal-Exchange; I told him the Case, he promised Assistance on condition to see her; but that cursed Interview has ruin'd me; for he has Cloas'd, Lodg'd, and now keeps her toppingly, and secur'd her with all her Charms to his own D——d leacherous self.

I think, Gentlemen, I am hardly us'd, and hope you will contribute what you can to my satisfaction, which will be in exposing the Treachery of the old Buttock-bunter: By which you'll extremely oblige

Gentlemen,

Your humble-Servant,

Ruben Ben Bumaph

August 24.

1704.

The Society Voted; That truly the Gentleman *Jew* had not a right sort of Treatment; for that if Justice were done, both he, the old Leacher, and the young Adulteress, should be sent to *Newgate*, till the Law took further Care of them.

Some Gentlemen came before the Society, and presented them with an Humble Petition, viz. That they would please to Answer them a Question, in Order to Decide a Parish Dispute among them.

The Society told them they did not Profess answering of Questions, as part of their Undertaking; but if they lik'd the Question; and there was no ill Design in it, they would endeavour to oblige them; and so desired them to propose it, which they did as follows.

Querie, Whether a Man expell'd the House of Commons for Br—ry, and expell'd a Bench of Justices for F—ry, was a Proper Person to be put in Commission of the Peace in the Parish of St. C—— D——s?

The Society had a serious Debate on this Matter, but finding there might be some Personal Reflection in it, they gave this for Answer.

1. As fit in that Parish as in another.

2. They could Answer no farther; but told the Gentlemen, that there is a New Society Erected, who may be heard of not far from a certain Tavern in *Fater-Noster-Row*, who have Undertaken to Answer Questions of this Nature, as by their Advertisement, *Master-Mercury*, N^o 6: and if any body has a Mind to banter Governments, expose Admirals, Fleets, Armies, Justices, or any body else, there are your Men.

One Mr. Viscker, who wrote the Author a Letter from *Will's Coffee-House*, and adds, he

mpatiently expects an Answer, is desired to look back to the *Review*, N^o 43. the two last Paragraphs, where he will find his Letter Answered a Month before it was wrote.

The Gentleman that sent the Society a Copy of a Letter from P. Ragocki's Army in Hungary, is desired, if he can, to send the further Confirmation of that Matter; which he was pleased to Promise in his second Notice.

The Gentleman who lent the Author a Copy of *Latin Verses* on the late Victory at Hockley, is desired, if he pleases, to double their Number; and if they are not inserted in the *Review*, he may chance to see them in good Company somewhere else.

The Gentleman who gave us Notice of an Error in the Print of a *Latin Letter*, sent the Society, viz. *Habere potes fidem Mibi hr Saxonicis Natis*, will find the Mistake to be his own, and that it is Printed, *Habere potes fidem securè mibi*, &c.

The Reader is desired to Correct the following Error in our last; Pag. 209. Col. 2. Line 2. after *Rugen*, read, and would be far from attacking the Isles of —

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